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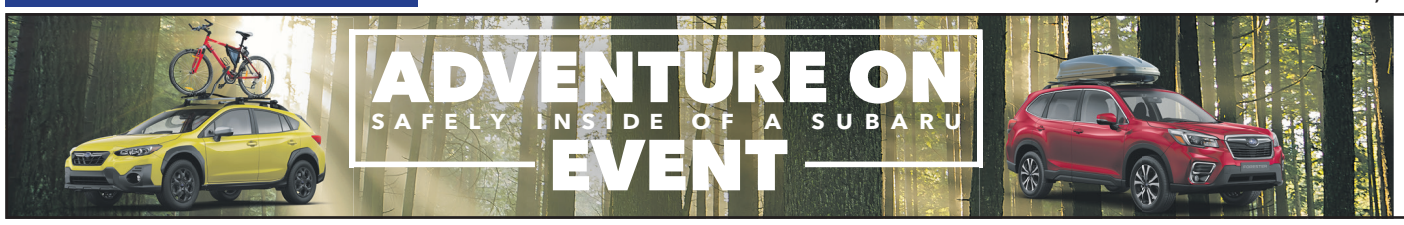


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## Live music returns

The Haliburton County Folk Society has partnered with Abbey Gardens to put on a three-night musical show from Aug. 6 to 8. See Page 2.

## Congratulations graduates

Check out our 13 page spread inside commemorating the 2021 graduates from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Starting on Page 7.

## A centennial celebration

Robinson's General Store in Dorset recently marked its 100th anniversary in the community. See Page 21.

Innova Disc Golf course designer and business development for Canada Darrell Bankes is welcoming new and experienced disc golf players to the newly opened 18-hole disc golf course at Abbey Gardens. With the course set agaisnt the beauty of the Abbey Gardens property, which includes a hardwood forest and a former quarry pit, it provides challenge and a picturesque setting. Bankes said there are rentals for new players and opportunities to drink local beer and local food on the property. For the full story, check out haliburtonecho.ca./DARREN LUM Staff

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John McDermott, pictured above centre, will headline the Saturday night show of Music at the Gardens. The three day event is taking place at Abbey Gardens from Aug. 6 to 8. /Submitted photo

# Live music returning to Abbey Gardens in August

**MIKE BAKER**
*County Life* Editor

Live in-person concert will return to Haliburton County next month as Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton County Folk Society partner up to present Music at the Gardens.

The three-day musical extravaganza is jam-packed full of local talent says Janis Parker, one of the lead organizers. Taking place from Aug. 6 to 8, Music at the Gardens will feature more than a dozen artists from all different walks of life and backgrounds.

Friday night [Aug. 6] will see Juno Award winning Aboriginal artist Susan Aglukark take the stage for a multi-song set, before Richard and Lauren Margison close out the show with what Parker says will be an "out of the ordinary" performance.

"Everyone knows the Margisons for their opera, but their show at Abbey Gardens will be different. Richard and Lauren have recently recorded a new CD that encompasses many genres and styles of music," Parker said.

That CD, titled *Enchantment, a Magical Celebration of Abbey Gardens*, will be on sale at the event.

Saturday [Aug. 7] has two different shows – separate matinee and evening performances. From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Tom Regina and Stan Russell will be on stage, with Bill Candy and Roly Platt following up from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets to the matinee are available for $20.

The Saturday evening show will be headlined by John McDermott, with Jason Fowler and Mark Lalama also performing.

Both the Friday and Saturday evening shows come with a multi-course dinner provided by Abbey Gardens. Tickets for each night are $125 per person.

Sunday's [Aug. 8] matinee will see Russell-Liorti-Monich Interstellar FunkSplosion take the stage from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and Lunar Bloom featuring Jocelyn Regina, and the team of Kelly McNamee and Brittany Robinson performing between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets to this matinee are $20 per person. Tickets to the Sunday evening show, including performances from Boreal – Katherine Wheatley, and the duo of Tannis Slimmon and Angie Nussey, are available for $40.

"It's really quite fun how all of this came together. There are many things that had to align," Parker said, pointing to the cancellation of the 2021 Forest Festival, typically held by the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, and the willingness of both Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton County Folk Society to collaborate on such a substantial project.

Then, to top it off, Parker called in something of a favour and arranged to have McDermott perform on the Saturday, almost 12 months to the day from when he was supposed to perform for a special 75th anniversary celebration for her company Parker Pad and Printing.

"This whole thing probably came together in around a month. I think it was four weeks ago that I sent the very first email," Parker informed *County Life* on July 8. "Now I'm just excited. Excited for the music, but more than that I'm excited for the event itself. To be around people again, and to have a good time."

Parker has managed to secure a luxury tent that will be able to hold around 200 people for the evening events. She hopes to be able to have up to 300 attend the Saturday and Sunday matinees.

A weekend package that includes tickets to all five concerts and both dinners is available for $300 per person. All tickets can be ordered at abbeygardens.ca/atthegardens.

"I think this is sort of a sign that things are getting back to normal," Parker said. "Music unites people, and for anyone that loves music, this is an event you're not going to want to miss."

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# When local Lake Associations need a helping hand, reach out to U-Links

**JIM PRINCE**
Special to *County Life*

As a cottage or lake association member, have you ever had an idea for a project or had a need to collect some data, but the association just didn't have the resources to get the project started? Well, there is help out there, right in our Haliburton community. The U-Links Centre for Community Based Research may just be able to get that project off the ground.

U-Links, located in Minden, works with community partners to deliver research and community service learning and education services in Haliburton County. These Community-Based Research (CBR) projects are conducted with the support of faculty and students from Trent University and Fleming College. Lake Associations can take advantage of these CBR or community learning initiatives to explore important research questions or data collection and increase the capacity of the organization to learn.

Many Lake Associations have conducted projects with U-Links, with topics ranging from water quality, shoreline health, the local fishery or the history of the lakes and watersheds. One of the Haliburton Lake Associations, the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA), has completed upwards of 20 projects with U-Links. The KLCOA worked with U-Links, Trent, and Fleming to establish some baseline information for the Kennisis Watershed & Lakes Management Plan and for many other ongoing priorities that required some research or support for the community.

The following list of projects completed by U-Links and the KLCOA are examples of the types of CBR areas that Lake Associations could get help or support with:

- Kennisis Lake Settlement History Essay (2021)
- Geological and Environmental History of the Kennisis Lakes (2021)
- Kennisis Lake Benthic Biomonitoring Project (2020)
- Kennisis Lake Community Benthos Biomonitoring Project (2019)
- Norah's Island Biodiversity Monitoring Project (2013)
- Water Quality in the Kennisis Lakes (2011)
- Sticking to Our Roots: A Study of Waterfront Tree Preservation Initiatives (2007)
- Protecting the Dark Skies: Night Lighting for Kennisis Lake (2007)
- Marketing a Lake Plan to a Cottage Community and Watershed Residents (2007)
- Kennisis Lake: Natural Shoreline Inventory Plan, Phase 1 (2007)
- Kennisis Lake Shoreline Inventory Project, Phase 2 (2012)
- The Kennisis Lakes Fishery: Past, Present and Future (2010)
- Kennisis Lake Community Environmental Monitoring Program (2006)
- Friendly Boating on Kennisis Lake (2007)
- Compilation of Research for the Removal of Existing Boathouses and Shoreline Structures (2007)
- Communication and Community Engagement – Developing and Implementing a Lake Plan (2007)
- A Septic System Guide for Cottagers – A Kennisis Lake Community Project (2007)

Upon CBR project completion, the final reports are posted in the U-Links Research Database which is accessible to the public. The U-Links CBR projects can be accessed at https://www.ulinks.ca/research-database.html. There is a trove of information in the U-Links reports covering many aspects of life in Haliburton County including social services, culture and recreation, health, agriculture, and the environment.

There are other benefits that Lake Associations can realize by working with U-Links. First, having a formalized project helps the Lake Association participants to zero in on their specific needs, it brings some discipline in terms of a project schedule and it provides some incentive to make progress on the project as the students do need guidance through the project execution. More importantly, participating in any community-based research project with U-Links also means that you are helping undergraduate students with vital experiential learning opportunities that can lead to increased interest in environmental protection and advocacy, or understanding other community or social issues. The CBR experience also provides students with technical skills and experience that employers are looking for. Students who have recently completed CBR projects, often include their CBR experience on their resumes and have landed interviews that were directly related to their experience with U-Links. Some students have gone onto post-graduate work in the areas of the CBR projects and others have even been hired by U-Links.

So, next time your Lake Association encounters a problem or issue that may be helped by some research or data collection, think about reaching out to U-Links. You'll be glad you did!

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# Dance hall bands brought John William Down to Halls Lake in the 1950s

**PAULINE L. JOHNSON**
Special to *County Life*

The hamlet of Halls Lake, though small, was once a thriving community compared to the quiet residential area it is today. It used to be described by some as "a rough and tumble place." The temperaments of the people varied, as did their skills. Sometimes being a redneck was what it took to survive. Though, that did not mean that kindness, courtesy and fun were absent.

What made Halls Lake was the variety of people who worked together to create a cohesive community. An example of that was each fall, hunters from camps in the area gathered to go after game that was distributed to locals to provide them with meat to get through the winter. A calling card that lured additional people to the area was the dance hall, frequented by visiting bands and musicians. Visitors were welcomed and some settled near the hamlet.

One of the local characters was John William Down. His family came from England. A brother settled in Oshawa, but Johnny, as he was usually called, preferred more rural areas. He lived in Pefferlaw, Ontario just south of Beaverton before coming to Halls Lake in the Highlands.

Johnny was described by one of his peers as "beyond being a character." There were so many interesting facets to his life. A talented horn player, he is said to have played with greats such as Count Basie, Benny Goodman and other entertainers at Bigwin Inn in Muskoka. Jazz was popular at the time and he enjoyed music immensely. He was sociable, friendly and loved to have fun.

"Music is what drew Johnny to Halls Lake," said Jim Moore, a former building inspector with Algonquin Highlands. Johnny would drive up on weekends to play with bands at the local dance hall. He came with a fellow musician called Albert Hart. That was in the 1950s. Albert liked the area and bought a house locally.

In addition to his artistic talent, did Johnny have the grit to make a life in a rural atmosphere like Halls Lake? It took him some time to decide. in the late 1950s he eventually bought a well-known property on Halls Lake, as well as the Halls Lake Store on Highway 35. Stretching along Highway 35, the property included the Old Stone House as well as the dance hall beside it. The rest of the property sloped gradually down to the lake and had six cottages spread on both sides of Hillcrest Lane, a private road that bisected the land. The resort, previously named Hillcrest Resort, had rented out cottages to tourists and Johnny continued with that business as well as running the store. He, his wife Thelma and his daughter, Bev, lived in the Old Stone House. Thelma was a lovely person, less flamboyant than her sociable husband.

In the late 1970s Johnny severed the property into smaller lots with cottages on them. The first two cottages close together on the lake were sold to Bonnie Westbrook (later Thorne). She is now in her 70s and still owns them. Two of the cottages on one lot went to the Dietsch family (Kathy and Johnny), two on another lot went to the Johnson family (Al and Anne), and one went to Loralea Lodge (now Loralea Country Inn). The lodge abutted Johnny's property. Kathy remembers going to a dance with her parents when she was just 15 years old and dancing with Johnny, not realizing that she would buy property from him 20 or so years later.

John Down, a prolific reader, is described by his stepdaughter, Bonnie, as an intelligent man who loved to read. He is 64 in this photo taken in one of his summer cottages. /Photo courtesy of Bonnie Thorn

The last property Johnny sold was the land that the dance hall had been on. The hall itself had burned down many years before. He asked Kathy Dietsch if she wanted to buy it for $5,000. It was directly behind her cottage and went up to Highway 35 beside the Old Stone House. She accepted his offer because, at that time she had heard that Jim Moore and an associate were eying the Old Stone House, considering putting in a restaurant. The dance hall property next door to the Stone House would have made a good parking lot and Kathy preferred a quiet environment around her cottage, rather than noise from a busy eatery. As fate would have it, Kathy's son, Layne Dietsch, was able to purchase the Old Stone House a few years later, creating a family enclave with her son's and her brother's properties adjacent to hers. Al Johnson was Kathy's brother.

**Working the Store**

Larry Cummins, someone who was born and raised in Halls Lake, remembers working in Johnny Down's store as a teenager, along with Johnny's young daughter, Bev. In addition, he chopped wood for use in Johnny's home across from the store. There was a large garage beside the Old Stone House where Johnny stored supplies. He often bought in bulk. It was part of Larry's job to keep supplies organized and restock the store when needed.

Jim Moore knew Johnny Down from the Halls Lake Store. Everyone in the area visited the store, but the children especially liked going there. Johnny was kind to children, despite the pranks that some of them pulled. He also did his utmost to please customers saying that if he didn't have something, he would get it for them by the next day.

Johnny had an interesting friendship with a politician in Minden. He loved to get dressed up and go to town to visit. Later, they became partners in cooking distilled corn liquor. Johnny sold some of

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# Johnny was 'a pretty good guy' according to those who knew him

**from page 4**

the moonshine out of his store to friends. Unfortunately, a tourist mistakenly took a bottle of it out of the back of a cooler. Upon discovering the potency of the liquid, she called the police. Johnny and his friend found themselves in some controversy for awhile, but no charges were laid, and the incident blew over.

Larry Cummins thought that Johnny was "a pretty good guy. He was known for some drinking but that started when his wife left him. He seemed to have less interest in his business after that."

**His family break-up**

Johnny's wife left him for his friend, Bill Small, after 28 years of marriage. Bill lived close by in a house back from Highway 35. He had an airplane hangar beside the lake at the opposite end of his property. As a pilot, he often took part in the Young Eagles weekends that were held in June and were conducted out of Stanhope Airport. Local pilots volunteered to take kids aged eight and older up on flights over Haliburton. The purpose of the Young Eagles program is to help children develop an interest in aviation. The program still runs today.

Johnny's daughter left home at 17, supposedly running away with someone from her high school. She did not return for 20 years. Socializing more, Johnny began to drink more. In later years, it would become a problem.

*Part two of the feature documenting the life of John William Down will be printed in next week's edition of County Life, coming out on July 29.*

## CFN donation drive a huge success

On Saturday, July 3 Central Food Network hosted a Fill 'em Up! Donation Drive. The event was met with immense enthusiasm amongst the many locations spread across Highlands East. Over 350 items related to personal care, pet and menstrual supplies were donated. As well, almost $500 in cash was raised. The items will be distributed to Highlands East residents in need of assistance, while the money raised will be used to support kid-friendly lunch kits during the summer. Pictured above, CFN board member Gay marie Paige and CFN staffer Rachel Gillooly are all smiles on the day of the event. /Submitted

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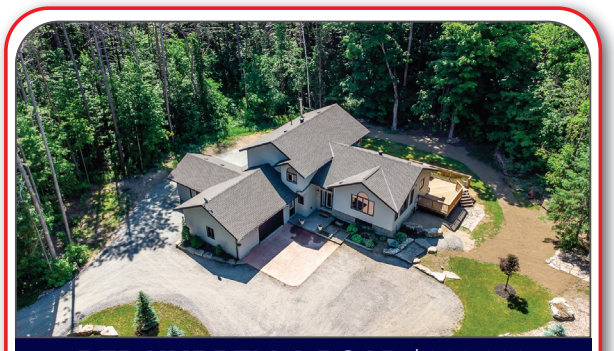

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## Hello, Haliburton County

MY NAME is Grace and this will be my second week reporting in Haliburton County. I'll be here throughout the summer, and I could not be more excited. Despite that excitement, I'm also quite nervous given that this is my first job in the industry. These nerves have made it nearly impossible for me to write this introductory piece. So much so, that I've managed to hold down the delete button more than I ever have before.

The saying "you never get a second chance to make a first impression," is abundantly accurate, which adds a little more pressure to make sure that all goes well.

Working with the *Echo* and *Times* is an opportunity that came about quickly and unexpectedly. I had been looking for a summer job for some time but had no luck. From the beginning of my search, my parents suggested I look for something that allows me to gain experience in my career path of journalism. After many weeks, I came across a job listing for the *Haliburton Echo/Minden Times*, and it seemed to be a perfect match. Writing is my passion, and people bring me joy. To have the opportunity to integrate the two is something that I'm really excited about. There is something special about listening to people's stories and writing for a community.

Before I can begin my adventure of writing and sharing your stories, it is only right that I share a little bit of mine.

I was born in Toronto, and raised in Richmond Hill. I come from a loving, supportive, and hardworking family. My father, mother, and two younger brothers are the most hardworking people I know, and are therefore my biggest inspirations in life.

Summer reporter Grace Oborne is the latest addition to the *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times*. Oborne is studying journalism at Carleton University. Welcome her to the community. / DARREN LUM Staff

I currently attend Carleton University, in Ottawa, where I am studying, in my opinion, the most compelling profession one can pursue. I'll be starting my second year this coming September.

Although I've enjoyed my studies thus far, the pandemic has really altered my lifestyle. Prior to COVID-19, I surrounded myself with people all the time. Since then, it became more difficult for me to do so, especially while away at school. I found that I spent more time alone than I ever had before. Despite the fact that my social life was at an all-time low, I managed to keep up with my academics and to still make the most of what I had going for me. Now that life is slowly returning back to normal, I'm excited to take on this job and to meet new people.

I've actually spent a lot of my time in Haliburton over the past few years as my boyfriend and his family have a cottage in the community. They have so kindly welcomed me into their home and community with open arms and because of that, I am able to work in-person. Working in-person in the community is important because it will allow me to gain more journalistic experience.

The *Times, Echo* and *County Life* have a well-deserved reputation for excellence which they continue to uphold and are well known and respected nationwide. I truly enjoy my time spent in Haliburton and the surrounding community. For all these reasons, I am beyond excited and feel honored to work alongside a talented team of journalists.

I'm eager to meet and talk with as many of you as possible over the course of the summer, while keeping at a safe social distance, of course. If you wish to reach out for any reason, whether you have a news recommendation, or would like to simply have a conversation about Haliburton County and its good old days or its present, please feel free to reach out anytime at grace@haliburtonpress.com. Being able to listen to what you all have to say is something I look forward to doing.

## Top 10 reasons I will no longer attend weddings

I HAVE NEVER really been a fan of weddings, whether as a participant or guest. Lately, however, the lull in wedding invitations as a result of the pandemic has got me thinking that I will probably never attend one again. Here are my top 10 reasons:

**STEVE GALEA**
Humour Columnist

1. Sick of the song Greensleeves.
2. Who knew you couldn't throw coins in the chocolate fountain?
3. Evidently, you can no longer do toasts about bow-legged women.
4. Don't know my own strength when clinking glasses.
5. Waning interest in my tear-away tuxedo.
6. The best man never wants to defend his title.
7. I refuse to sit at the kids table again.
8. I'd like to dance, but apparently, I'm no longer allowed to bring my pole.
9. I'll go when they start giving gifts back.
10. Still nursing that chicken-dancing injury.

## *Willow*

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as Lake sleeps beneath a black silk Sky,
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up at me.
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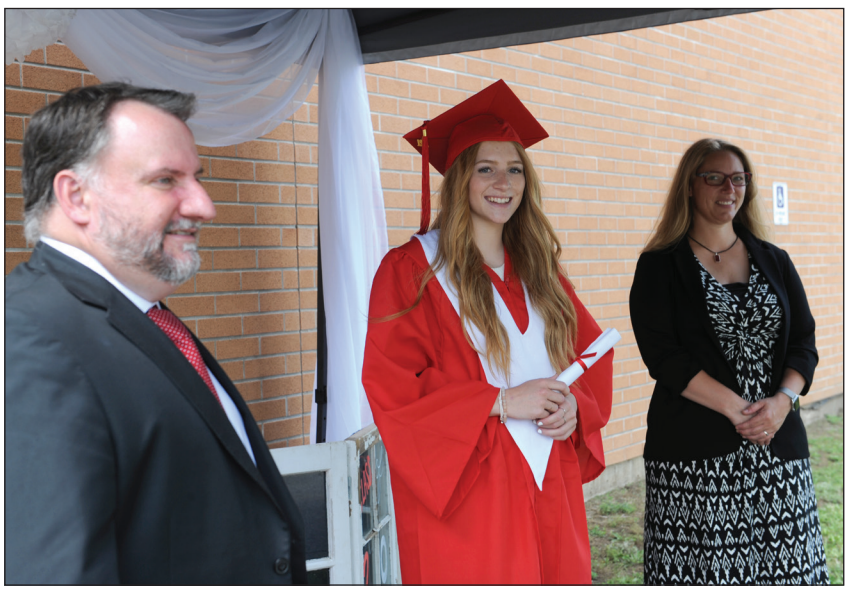
was still a tree,
remembering the pair of squirrels chasing one another along the now severed arteries of the willow, wondering what they will think, when they swish across
the grass,
will they stop in their tracks to sniff the carnage,
or find another willow to race up its limbs.
I stare at the gashes in the bark, the roots, dangling
in the Air like withered fingers,
wondering whether it was only Wind that felled
the old willow,
or the creaks and cracks of age as well,
guessing the willow to be over a century old,
wondering how many generations of crows
squawked and hatched eggs in its branches,
how may squirrels built nests, returning to the
willow to rest, after foraging in the Snow?
How many children, whose grandchildren
are grown,
picnicked with their parents beneath the shade of its
green tresses,
drooping like string, sprigs still springing from
its trunk,
like stray tendrils from a halo of hair.
I graze my fingers along the grooves of bark,
dampened by Rain,
my eyes returning again and again to the split
in the trunk,
remembering the summers I sought reprieve from
the heat beneath the willow,
reading or just feeling breeze tickle me,
pressing my spine against the solidness of its trunk,
knowing it would always be here when I return, to
provide solace and respite and peace,
as the world churns beyond these hills, beneath a
concrete Sky,
the willow always welcoming me, letting me stew
and daydream and breathe,
beneath its dangling branches, now crumpled across
the grass,
Rain pelting the clumps of earth, where the willow
rooted and grew, then fell,
where maybe a stray seed is swelling beneath
the earth,
waiting to break through.

*Sylvie Kalenda*

West Guilford's Emma James is congratulated by HHSS principal Chris Boulay.

## End of an era

Megan Klose, left, is handed a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Class of 2021 sweater by fellow graduate Daniella Meraw. The school held an outdoor graduation ceremony on June 29. /MIKE BAKER Staff



Haliburton's Skye Lambshead is all smiles as she receives her diploma.

Brian Kim, of Minden, gives a thumbs up as he celebrates his graduation alongside his family.

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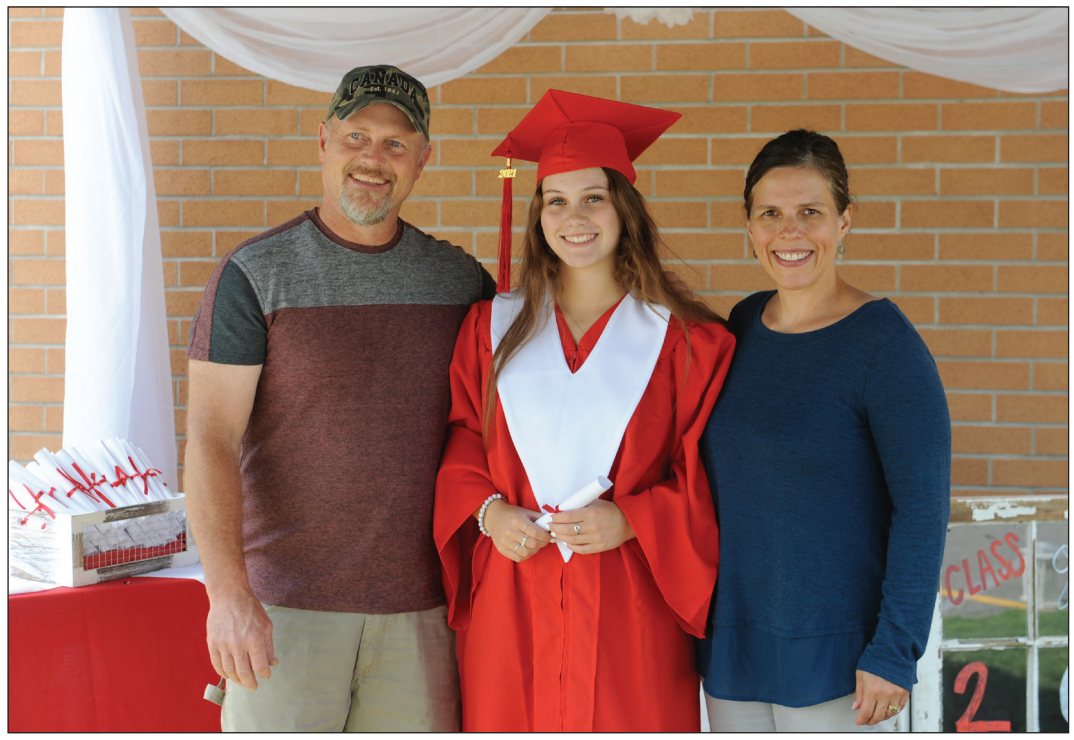

Natalie Hunter, of Gooderham, is flanked by her parents who joined her in celebrating graduation.

April Kovacs, who lives in Kinmount, is proud to be a part of HHSS' graduating class of 2021.

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Britney Bain

Tice Barry

Tyson Baumhour

Aaron Bellefleur

Zac Billings

## Principal's Address

Parents, friends, distinguished guests, colleagues, and most importantly, graduates. It is my pleasure to be able to provide a few remarks.

J'ai l'honneur et le privilège de partager mon message avec les diplômés, la faculté et la communauté.

Graduates – before I leave you with some reflections and a challenge, first I must thank and recognize a number of people.

As Mr. Brohman, Mr. Williams and Ms. Stephens have so eloquently stated earlier, this is an evening to remember. But before I continue, let us thank those who have spent so many hours preparing this evening's ceremony: to the members of our grad planning committee, office staff, the many teaching staff, support staff, members of our scholarship committee, and our custodians. Without you, this celebration would not be possible. Well done.

Graduates, you will walk across the stage and accept one of the most important documents you may ever receive: your high school diploma. After 4 or 5 years of high school, we celebrate your achievements and are witness to you being honoured.

I know that I speak on behalf of this entire school community when I say that I am very proud of this graduating class. Today is a moment for you to remember forever, with your friends, families and loved ones all likely watching with pride, sharing this moment with you and celebrating the close of a chapter of over 13 years of school and the start of new opportunities, challenges and adventures. Sadly, there are others who are not with us this evening to share in this moment, including Mr. Derek Little, who will be so sorely missed by many.

Graduates, you will soon become Red Hawk Alumni! Remember to model our credo of respect, commitment and responsibility each and every day. We are counting on you and you represent our proud future.

The people of Haliburton County, and its generous donors, have yet again impressed me with the kindness and goodwill in its support for our graduates, despite experiencing the harsh economic circumstances of the last two years. Even in these unprecedented times, all sectors of Haliburton County have given generously to recognize our graduates and to assist them in pursuing their post-secondary dreams and other future pursuits. On behalf of the graduates, staff and parents, I wish to thank every organization, business and individual who have contributed funds to our successful students. These generous actions exemplify the spirit of rewarding, recognizing and honouring success, grit, perseverance and determination.

A few members of our Hal High staff have either left the nest this year already or will be in a few day. We would like to recognize Mrs. Duchene and Mrs. Paton who have retired mid-year and thank them for all they have done for this school and the community. Your hard work has had a positive impact on so many in this graduating class. To Mr Dulong: after the many tire balancings, oil changes, and programming tasks in your computer courses, may you enjoy every moment of a well-deserved retirement!

Alright, alright, graduates, these next few minutes are meant for you.

I know that your parents, families, friends or loved ones have all played integral roles in supporting you over the years. Be sure to thank these key people this evening for without them, some obstacles would have seemed impossible to overcome.

Graduates, I want you to think about your high school journey over the last four years. How you entered Grade 9 and how you are leaving us today. I want you to reflect on the challenges you've faced, whether it be with friendships, relationships, loss, shortened sports seasons, a pandemic. I want you to reflect on how you've grown in many ways through these experiences. Learning about social injustices, and the looming importance of justice equity, inclusion and diversity. Yet, I ask you to also reflect on what you have gained through these experiences-an appreciation of freedom and democracy, where we live and work, connecting with others IN PERSON and not google meet, and so much more. Be grateful for human connection, for those who mean so much to you.

Let us not dwell on the lockdowns and restrictions. Nor on what we have lost or endured. We can be mindful of these items. But to dwell on them will undermine the tomorrow. The tomorrow which speak of boundless opportunity, dreams, and freedom to explore. To figure it out. That time is your friend. That you have the world in the palm of your hands.

This graduating class exemplifies a strong will, determination, empathy and voice. As I said earlier, you are our future. It will be up to you to make your voices heard. We will need to lean on you to bring us hope, happiness and a better tomorrow. As Simon Sinek, author and inspirational speaker once said, we must be certain of where we are going and to keep an open mind as to how we will get there. There will be many on-ramps and off-ramps on the highway to success. And it's OK. You'll figure it out.

I mentioned that I would have a few reflections for you to think about, and a challenge. The challenge I give you today is to not look at the next 30 days or 30 months. Envision yourself 30 years from now. Write yourself a note with what you want for yourself. What you aspire to be. What you wish to accomplish. But the challenge is not about materialistic things. It is about determining what will bring you happiness.

Now, graduates, we look upon you proudly, the newest class of HHSS alumni. We wish you productive, happy futures. Celebrate your accomplishments. In the world of Instagram, and something called TikTok, so-called life hacks, leave your mark in the world. Do good, be strong, be a difference maker. Respect, commitment and responsibility. We need you more than ever.

Graduates, go safely, walk proudly because you have earned the privilege of joining the ranks of graduates of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

*Thank you. Merci. Miigwetch.*
*Chris Boulay*

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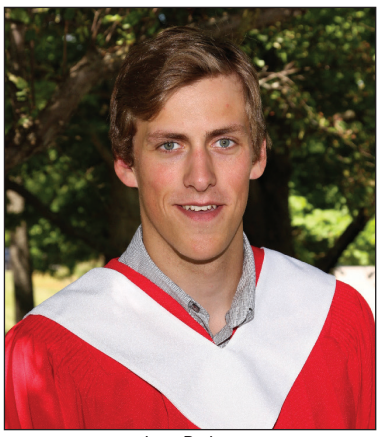
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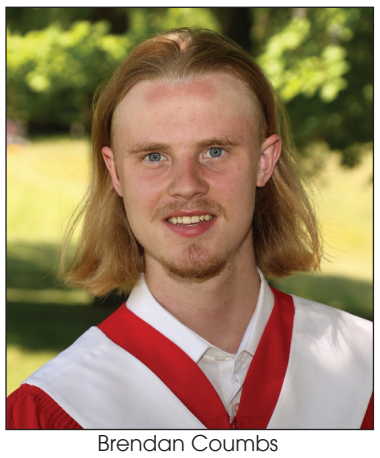
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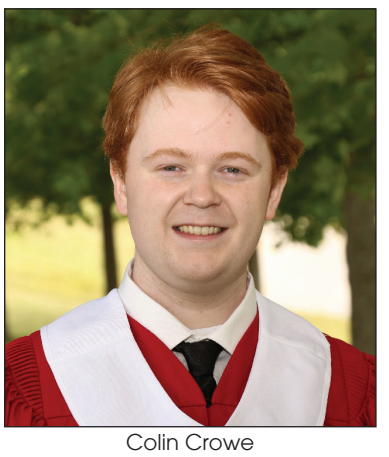
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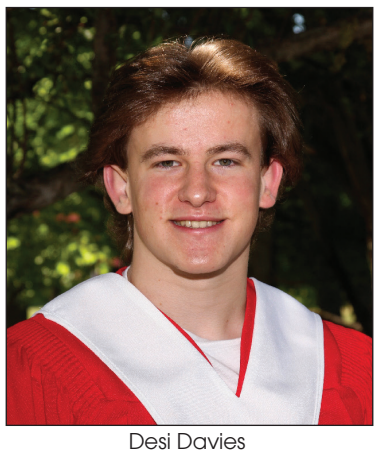
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Holden Dupret Smith

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Thank you very much! Before I begin, I just wanted to say WE MADE IT CLASS OF 2021!

Hello everyone, greetings! It is an honour to stand before you as the valedictorian of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Class of 2021. This is a huge privilege for me to be selected by my fellow graduates as this year's valedictorian, this is an accomplishment I will never forget. While this was most definitely not the graduation format that we had hoped for coming into this new school year, I would nevertheless like to thank the graduation steering committee, for their extraordinary efforts in putting this momentous event together for us.

While you aren't here with me to celebrate in person, we still have to appreciate the importance of this great accomplishment, and I wanted to extend my congratulations to each and every single one of you for making it this far, as I'm sure we all thought we would never make it out of the public school system! This feeling of relief is similar to how I felt when I learned that Mr. Collins was a fan of cards against humanity, and didn't mind that we played in his English class!

Speaking of teachers and staff, I wanted to extend a sincere thank you to them, for always having our backs and genuinely wanting us to succeed and make it through high school confidently. We are grateful to them for running the sports and extracurriculars that were the foundation for so many good memories and friendships, for all of the witty comments, the dad jokes, the hilarious outfits and competitions we got to witness on holidays. Most importantly thank you for tolerating us as we turned from wee youths, to the young adults that we are today.

And where would we be without our parents, our backbones, the ones who support us the most, nurture us, care for us, and help us grow into who we are meant to be, and who we are today? We all thank you, love you beyond the words in this speech could ever express. THANK YOU MA AND POPS! Fellow graduates, due to the nature of this virtual graduation, you get to have your parents alongside you during this ceremony, so I implore you to take this second, thank them!

Despite all our love for our parents, in our rush to move on to bigger and better things, it is easy to forget to notice and appreciate the stage we are in, and to acknowledge how much we will miss our parents, and their constant love and support. Now is truly a moment of reflection for all of us, a time to appreciate everything they do and have done, and always be humble, as I'm sure many of us will find out as we take our leave soon, it won't be the same.

I would also like to take this chance to thank our custodial and maintenance staff, administrative staff, guidance staff, cafeteria staff, and bus drivers for their involvement in making our years at HHSS great - we thank you.

When we first started high school, it seemed like such a huge, alien place, not knowing any teachers, many other students, and getting lost in the maze that is HHSS. We all eventually took a turn in the labyrinth which led us to Mr. Klose's Grade 9 science class, where we all inevitably became lab rats to the "static charge" demo that really energized our first year, and sure grounded me! I think looking back, Grade 9 seems like it was just a few months ago, and though we were told high school was going to be this big change, I think that we all blended in beautifully, and really did make it ours for four years. We were also told that time was going to fly by, and I never bought that going into high school, but it was really true. It really did come to an end so fast, kind of like many of the HHSS volleyball games our talented team played. All jokes aside, high school sports and extracurriculars were important to build

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connections and to have fun all throughout high school. Whether it was playing a home game and having the excitement of your school supporting you, or leaving and visiting another school, to hopefully win on strange turf, it was all exciting.

Although I'm no Brad Pitt, I'm sure that the experiences on stage for extracurriculars were similarly rewarding. Most importantly we had the experiences alongside great peers, coaches, and mentors. The excursions out of the school were all ones that we looked forward to, time away from the stresses of our studies, to just play hard, and let's be real, eat hard afterwards at McDonald's.

As we all progressed through high school, I don't know about the rest of you, but I started to miss our junior years more and more. When we got to Grade 9, all we wanted to do was get older and be in our upper years, you know, where it really counts, but we really should have appreciated those earlier days, before all the added pressure of walking outside and not knowing which one of the dozens of people you knew was going to beg for rides to Tim Hortons. It wasn't as if the caramel ice cap with almond milk was going to change our lives, but I'd be lying if I said I never took the plunge.

Graduates, I would also be lying if I said that I had been really close with every single one of you through all of our high school years.

There are just too many moving parts in our lives to make that work, kind of like trying to get the perfect basketball out of the bin every time for intramurals. Despite that, however, I do get a sense of community whenever I see one of you. While this ceremony is to remember and celebrate our high school careers, I know that this is really also about launching us off into the next part of our lives. We are going down very different paths. Whether you are going on to post-secondary studies, doing an apprenticeship, or going straight to the workforce, we will all be parting ways to some degree after this graduation, and that is sad to think about. But going through four years of high school together cannot be discounted that simply, because all of the experiences that we have had together are truly binding. And if any of us are going through highs, lows, or just need some advice, or to reminisce, we have an entire community to reach out to, who knows and cares about us. Even though we will all be spreading out far and wide, we all have to remember where we came from, so that we will appreciate the things we will have and achieve in the future.

Beeru Singh said, "No matter how high up you get, never forget where you came from, " and I cannot agree with the words more. In modern society, where happiness is often portrayed as being largely achievable through materialistic means, it is especially important that no matter how successful we may become, or how much money we have, or where we live, we need to remember where we came from. It will keep us in check, keep us human, and keep us humble. I know that we all worked very hard to get here today, particularly so over the course of the pandemic, and regardless of our future aspirations let's not lose sight of who we are, and stay the course. Once a hawk, always a hawk, remember that. WE WILL SOAR!

On that note, I would like to thank today's sponsors, who include wikipedia, sparknotes, and photomath for making all of this possible.

All jokes aside, it is my honour to now send off the graduating class to the real world, and to congratulate each of the graduates once again on this amazing achievement. Be proud of yourselves. May the odds be ever in your favour.

*Bence Suranyi, Valedictorian*

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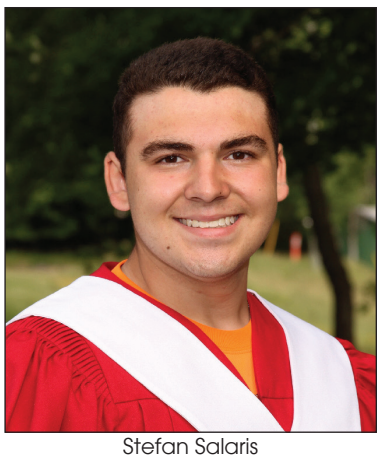
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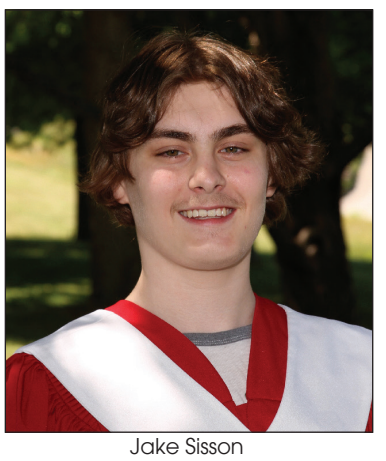
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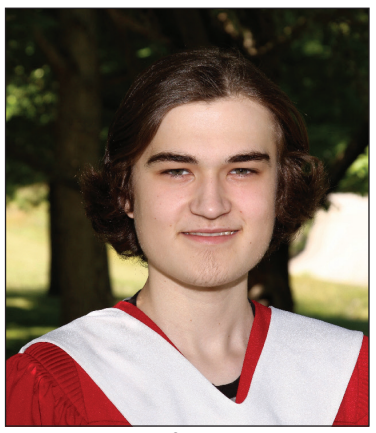
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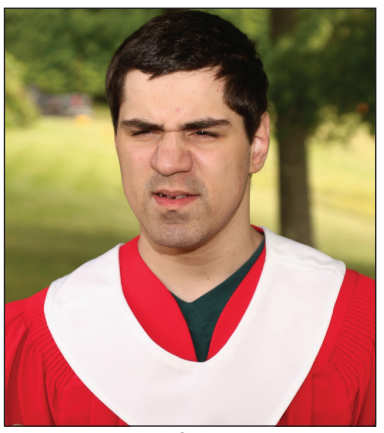
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I extend my congratulations to all 2021 graduates for reaching today's milestone.

It was definitely uncharted water for you, your teachers and your parents, however you earned your diploma - it's YOURS and no one can take it away ---feel proud.

Thank you to all the parents I know. Each graduate has a special story to tell about how important your support has been in getting them to this time of graduation. Thanks to all the teachers,support staff and the leadership of school administration for providing you with the academic tools and guidance to ensure your success.

Graduates, I want you to remember that perseverance, resilience, tenacity and always a glimmer of hope got you through the last 12 to 16 months. Now is the time to "Play It Forward," and use what you learned to the best of your advantage. There are many red lights in our lives, the pandemic being the biggest in our lifetime. How we handle red lights when everything stops is a true test of our character. I learned from a great coach, Lou Holtz at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend Indiana: "It's not the load you are carrying that breaks you down, it's your attitude on how you carry it." Graduates, it is now a green light - step on the gas and "Play it Forward."

Graduates, stay positive find joy and never give up on hope. I ask you to dream more than others think is practical, to expect more than others think is possible, to work harder than the person next to you and believe there is no "extra in the extra mile."

I remind all of you to give thanks to those who gave you their unconditional love everyday. Make sure gratitude becomes a habit you practice for a lifetime -- it will keep you grounded because we all have so much to be grateful for.

Graduates, life is precious, live it to the fullest. Be generous, be caring, speak kindly.

I wish you happiness in your new journey - it's time to "Play it Forward."

***Trustee Gary Brohman***

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Haley Boylan, Desi Davies, Jacob Dobson, Logan Heaven, Megan Klose, Camden Marra, Daniella Meraw, Carson Phillips

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## Valedictorian

Bence Suranyi

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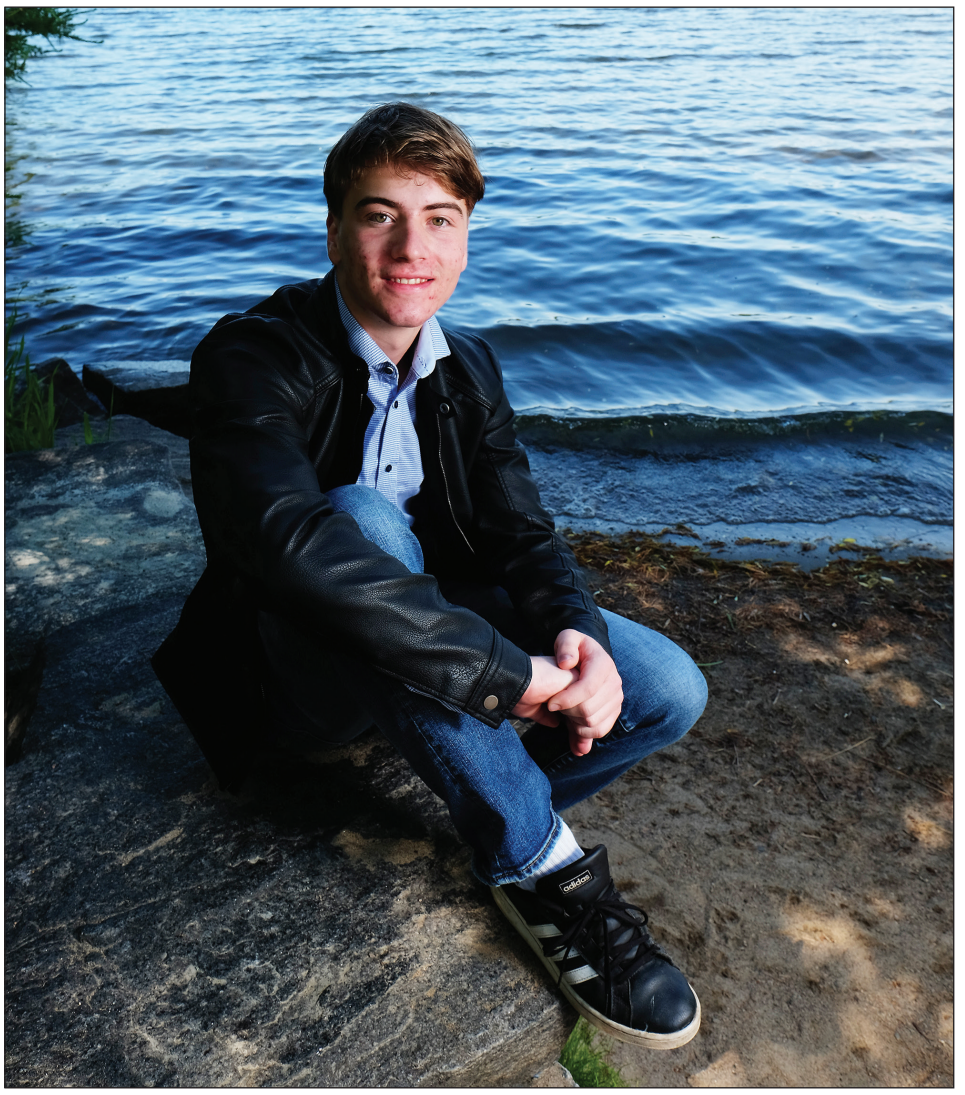

The 2020-2021 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's valedictorian is Bence Suranyi, who was strong academically and competed with the badminton and boys' volleyball teams. The Grade 12 graduating student is looking forward to post-secondary school and is expected to study computer engineering at the Univeristy of Toronto. /DARREN LUM Staff

**Girls' Athletic Association**
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**Year 3 English Scholarship**
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*Recipient: Ryanne Horsley*

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*Recipient: Sydney Little*

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**Year 4 Hospitality and Tourism Award**
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*Recipient: Sydney Little*

# Words of wisdom and advice for the graduates

Residents at Extendicare, Highland Wood and Hyland Crest share their words of wisdom and advice with the graduating class of 2021.

DOROTHY
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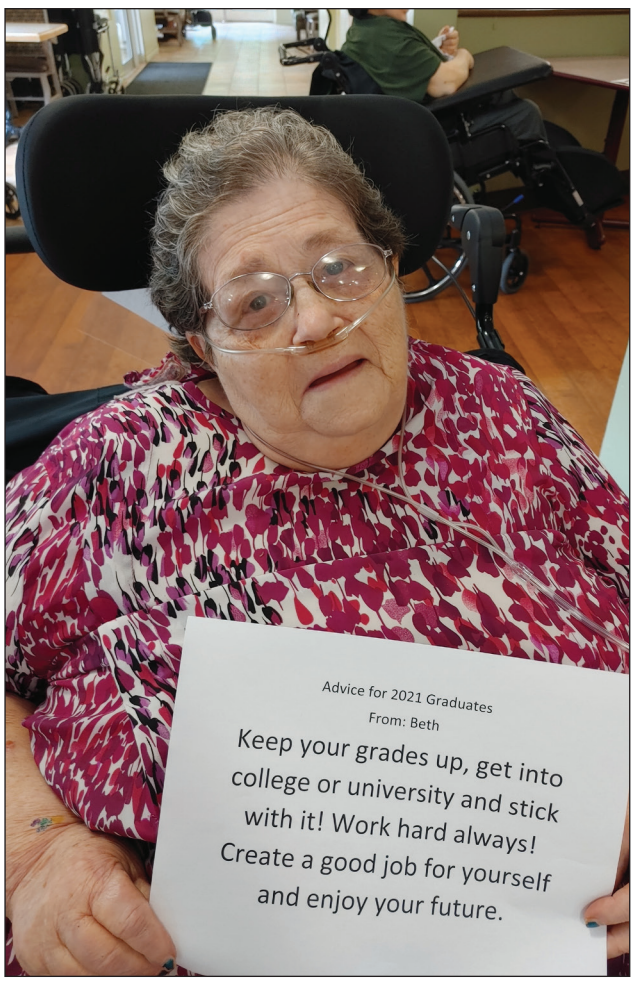
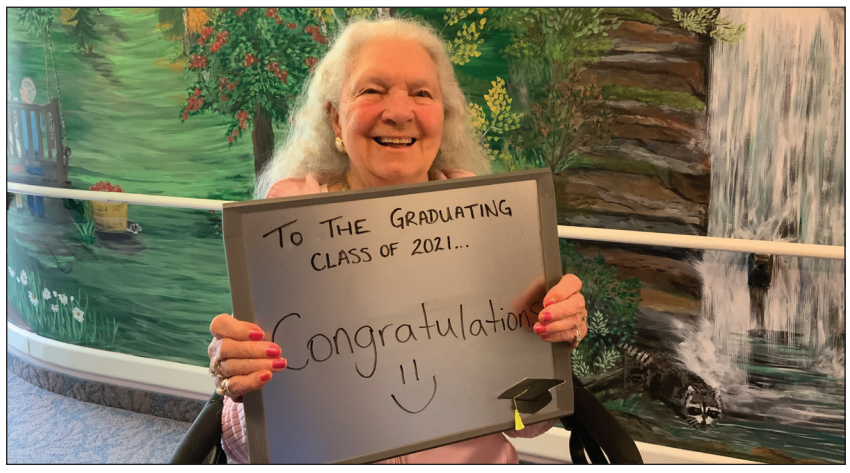

Advice for 2021 Graduates
From: Beth
Keep your grades up, get into college or university and stick with it! Work hard always! Create a good job for yourself and enjoy your future.



# AAEC Graduates and Awards 2021

Amber Goodrich

Autumn Duff

Destiny Thomsen

Dylan Main

Emily Davis

Haydee Billings

Holly Young

Nicholas Klochkoff

Stacey Robertson

Dukota Davidson

## Principal's Message

I am so sorry that I cannot be presenting this message to you in person. The past year has not given us much time to get to know each other in person, however that does not decrease the amount of pride that I have in your accomplishments. High School graduation is such an amazing time in your life. You have overcome so many challenges, with the pandemic adding so many more missed opportunities.

I was a physics teacher before I became an administrator and I am a huge fan of the show Big Bang Theory. In one of the episodes, Leonard, the main character, is invited back to his high school to give the commencement address. Unfortunately, due to weather, Leonard delivers his speech virtually through Skype. He quotes the author of the Wizard of Oz by saying "No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge" then realizes how boring his speech is and instead reflects on his high school experience and how his life has become interesting.

I'm telling you this not because I can relate to Leonard in that my address is not in person or maybe a little boring. but because I want you to remember that over the past year you may have been robbed of many things, like social gatherings, haircuts, eating in a restaurant and even a proper high school graduation, but no one can rob you of the knowledge you have gained from walking through the doors of our school. Whether you are heading into the workplace or heading off to post-secondary school, you have the skills and awareness to do great things. Be like Leonard and make your life interesting and know that the AAEC staff and I are so very proud of your accomplishments.

Congratulations and best of luck in the future!

*Lisa Uuldricks*

## Awards:

**Haydee Billings**
**Joshua Rewa Award of Distinction**

**Emily Davis**
**OSSTF Academic Award**

**Autumn Duff**
**OSSTF Academic Award**
**Principal's Award**

**Joshua Rewa Memorial**
**Post-Secondary Bursary Nominee**

**Nicholas Klochkoff**
**Post Secondary/Apprenticeship Award**
**Joshua Rewa Memorial Post-Secondary**
**Bursary Nominee**

**Destiny Thomsen**
**CUPE Achievement Award**

**No photo available:**

Marshall Eady
Jaime Moore

## Staff message

It is with heartfelt tears, smiles and good wishes that we send our graduates on their way to their futures. So deserving of what you have earned, experienced and lived through this past year. In thinking of our graduation traditions, including the selection of Valedictorian, we sat amazed at our choices. What leadership, tenacity, dedication and perseverance you have all shown! There wasn't one graduating student that we could omit from our list. So we chose you all. Every one of our graduating students has been through their last couple of years of high school at a time like no other. Lockdowns, isolation, layoffs, illness and loss dominated our county and our country. Much of this year we met from afar, commiserating together and learning together. We thank you for staying in touch, always having a smile for us, showing us your dedication and giving us the gift of your gratitude.

In the end it was your character, your priorities and your focus that put you where you are today, and on the road to your future. We have no doubt that you will conquer any goal, any career, any future you put your mind to as you have already shown all of us that you can. Family, friends and your classmates are in awe of what you have accomplished during the most difficult of times in recent history in our country. Look in front of you and you will see the best coming towards you; look behind you and you will see all of us supporting you and wishing you well; look beside you and you will see your fellow graduates that will be there with you as you conquer your dreams.

Congratulations to all the Graduates of 2021! We are so very proud of you and the best is yet to come.

*Lori, Kathy, Greg, and Ivy*

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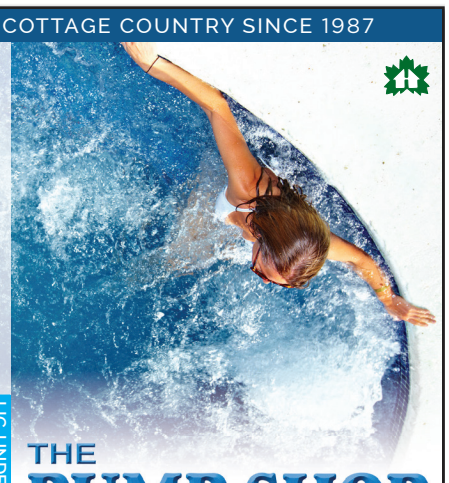

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# Renowned Robinson's General Store Celebrates 100th Year Anniversary

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Robinson's General Store in Dorset is celebrating an important milestone.

As the store turns 100 years old, new owners Mike and Katie Hinbest acknowledged the milestone on July 10 alongside former owner, Brad Robinson.

As of May 1, the couple became owners of Dorset's renowned Robinson's General Store after it had been a business that belonged to seven Robinson generations. Having reached such a significant milestone, Mike and Katie have plans to ensure that the success the store carried for 100 years is properly recognized.

"It's hard with COVID, because we can't really have a planned event, but we are going to decorate the outside. We've got big balloons coming and we ordered cupcakes," said Katie.

The couple also want to celebrate Brad Robinson and his triumphs during his time with the store, "Mike and I plan to present Brad with a picture we are having made by a local artist, Mary An Blythe." The couple presented the picture to Brad during a small celebration on Saturday, July 10.

Mike, Katie, and Brad feel strongly that their store wouldn't run the way it does without their hardworking staff.

"We've been lucky here, in that we've been able to attract a lot of good students. Without those teenagers, we couldn't run the store. Because we hire about 40 students every year. And we don't have 40 people in Dorset looking for two month's work. And it's been a godsend. But one of the biggest things we have going for us is the other staff in the store as well. We have, I think, 10 year-round staff," said Brad, who is still involved with the operation.

To celebrate the staff and their hard work, Mike and Katie have ordered "Robinson's anniversary" sweaters to be made, along with other little celebratory gifts.

"There will only be 100 made and our staff will all get one, as well as the Robinson family. Then the rest will be for sale at the store to the lucky few who can scoop them up in time!" Mike said.

To Brad Robinson, the celebration of the store's 100th year reminds him of his father and the aspirations he had for Brad and the future success of the store.

"Years and years ago, my father said, 'we will make the store so good people will have to come visit,' and basically that is what has happened. We've been lucky that people come from far and wide to see our store," he said.

Since Mike and Katie took ownership of Robinson's General Store, they say that their experience has been nothing short of amazing.

"Yes, it's been crazy busy, but it's been really good. We've both said, how much we enjoy it, and that we look forward to actually getting up in the morning and going to work," Katie noted.

She added, "It feels like it never stops, but it doesn't feel like work because it's enjoyable. All the employees have also been so welcoming, so it's been a really good transition."

Though the community has embraced and welcomed Mike and Katie, there has been some concern that change in ownership could lead to changes at the store. The Hinbests express that there is absolutely nothing to worry about on that front. They are keen on keeping the Robinson brand and continuing the "Robinson way" about the store.

"Robinson's is the name of Dorset, everybody knows it so I think it would be so stupid of us to change the name. It has such a wonderful legacy in Dorset that we have to keep the name," said Katie.

"The people of Dorset were very, very concerned as to what was going to happen here," Brad expressed. "One of the first things Mike did when he purchased the store was made an announcement saying, 'don't worry, the store is going to stay very much the same as it's always been,' and people have come to me since then and said, 'thank goodness.'"

Mike and Katie are extremely passionate about the Robinson's brand that they also carried it across the bridge to the marina that they own as well – The Robinson's Marina and Powersports.

"We did that because we wanted people to know that we were the same owners as well and carry the consistency for what we want to, hopefully, bring to Dorset to make better for the town," said Katie.

Katie and Mike Hinbest standing with former owner Brad Robinson in front of renowned Robinson's General Store, as they celebrate the store's 100 year anniversary. /GRACE OBORNE Staff

For more information about Robinson's General Store, visit robinsonsgeneralstore.ca

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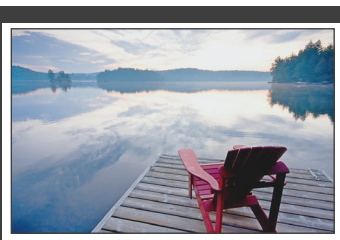

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- Looking for skilled trades
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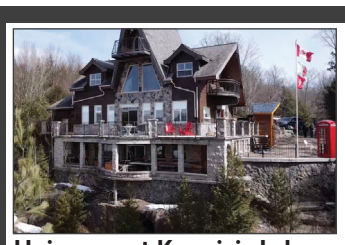

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- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath plus lakeside bunkie
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Andrew Hodgson**
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- Completely renovated home on 13 acres
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Susanne James*
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- 3BR cottage on 2-lake chain.
- Includes 2 separately deeded lots with 280' shoreline.
- Great shoreline, NW exposure for sunsets

David Lee*
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- Please give me a call. I would be glad to help.
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## Ursa Road $250,000

- 43 acre hide-away, paved yr round road
- Hydro at lot line
- Close to Glamor & Billings Lakes
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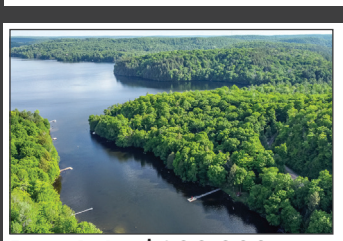

Brandon Nimigon***
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## Drag Lake $600,000

- 350 ft frontage on 4.12 acres
- Gently sloping perfect for W/O bsmt
- Shallow sandy waterfront & deep off the dock

Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

## Miskwabi Lk access $649,000

- 4 season chalet, 3 bdrm, 1 bath
- Open concept kit/DR/LR
- Private, includes abutting lot
- Deed access to lake, incl dock

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- Make a Sharp Move!
- Newly build 3 bed/2 bath
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## Wilberforce $799,000

- 3 bdrm, 2 bath country home
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- Stream, 4 waterfalls, privacy

Melanie Vigrass*
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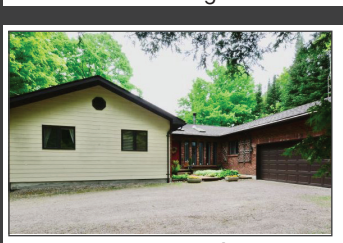
## Minden Bungalow $649,000

- 3 bdrm/2 bath Home Just North of Town
- Cathedral Ceilings, Hardwood Floors,
- Walk-Out Lower Level Rec Room
- Dbl Car Att'd Garage, 1.1 Acres

Tom Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 225

## Salerno Lake $349,000

- 172' waterfront Lot, 1.17 acres
- Sunset exposure
- Ideal for walkout basement



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## Haliburton Area $579,000

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# Small libraries to stay open

JENN WATT
*Staff Reporter*

Three libraries in Highlands East and one in Algonquin Highlands have been given a reprieve.

On Wednesday county council rescinded its previous motion to reduce funding to only one library branch per municipality.

Three public forums in the winter (two organized by the county and one held by the Algonquin Co-operative Development Corporation) showed substantial public resistance to the idea of closing small-town branches in favour of large, enhanced, centralized libraries.

Highlands East had three of its four libraries at risk while Algonquin Highlands would have had to close either its Dorset or Stanhope branch. Minden Hills and Dysart et al are both in the process of building new larger libraries to replace their single branches in Minden and Haliburton.

Wednesday's move was in support of a similar motion by the county's library board earlier in the month.

"There was discussion around the table at the county library meeting that we had said we would come up with some recommendation to the county council regarding the motion which stands presently for one library per municipality," said Minden Hills Deputy-reeve

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GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

**Catch me if you can**

There are all kinds of natural wonders to explore during a trip to the Haliburton Highlands but last Saturday it wasn't the area's lakes or forests that caught the eye of young Willow Schwartz of Cambridge, Ont. Instead, it was lots and lots of bubbles, which she enjoyed during a stay on West Guilford's Pine Lake.

# It may be a wet summer, but not a record one

GREG HOEKSTRA
*Staff Reporter*

It's certainly been a wet and wild summer in the Haliburton Highlands, but not one for the history books just yet.

While Toronto may be shattering rainfall records, local weather analyst Phil Graham says Haliburton County hasn't seen nearly as much of the wet stuff in terms of sheer volume.

"They've had a lot more rain down there and more major storms than we have," says Graham, who has been keeping records from his home in Minden since November, 1948.

Around noon last Wednesday Environment Canada declared that Toronto had set a new record for the wettest summer since records started being kept in 1937.

The previous record, set in June and July of 1980, was 271.5 millimetres (approximately10.7 inches), but with eight days still left in July Toronto had already seen 272.8 millimetres.

Here in Haliburton County the numbers aren't quite so high. By last Friday, Graham says the Highlands have seen 183.6 millimetres (approximately 7.3 inches) of rain this summer, including 109.4 millimetres in June and 74.2 millimetres in July.

In 2007 the numbers for June were much lower, at 79.9 millimetres, while July was similar to this month with 81.4 millimetres. According to Environment Canada, average precipitation for June is 86.8 millimetres, while July's average is 78 millimetres.

Graham says one of the reasons Toronto's rainfall has been so much higher is that many of this summer's storms have travelled

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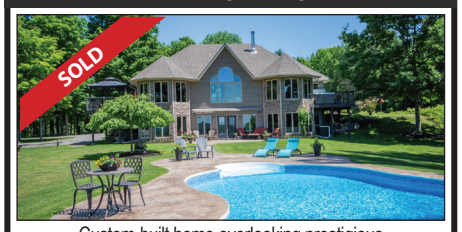
THE RE/MAX COLLECTION

## KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE $1,499,000

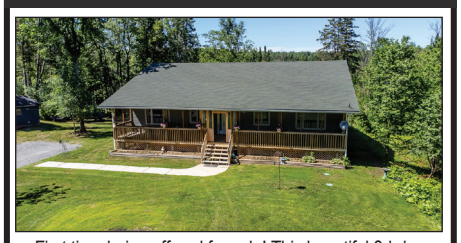



Custom-built home overlooking prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake. The big-sky lake views from the main floor are breathtaking! This property checks so many boxes: 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms to comfortably accommodate family and friends. Spacious great room with floor to ceiling windows and a cozy fireplace. Kitchen features solid knotty white oak cabinetry, granite counters and an island cook-top, to appease the most discerning of cooks. Master bedroom with a view, private deck, and hot tub. Walkout lower level to heated in-ground pool. 3 bay garage/workshop and so much more! This stunning spa-like property also features one-half ownership of a west-facing waterfront lot with hard sandy entry to Kashagawigamog Lake.

## HALIBURTON LAKE $789,000

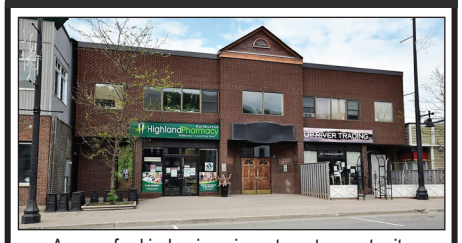
Fantastic opportunity! This yr-rd cottage/waterfront home is situated on beautiful Haliburton Lake. Solid quality construction and built in 2010 - just awaiting your finishing touches. Exceptional view of the lake from most rooms, the screened-in porch, and the full-length deck which spans across the front of the cottage. Large open concept kitchen, living room and dining room, 2 spacious bdrms and 2 baths, and 9ft ceilings throughout. The primary bdrm has an ensuite bath, walk-in closet, and walk-out to the deck. Downstairs there are 9ft ceilings, a large rec room, third bdrm, 4 pc bath, laundry, and utility. 118.31 feet of clean rock and sand shoreline, large dock, sitting area on shore and big lake views!

## IRONDALE RIVER $759,000



First time being offered for sale! This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. This home was built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, soft close drawers, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The formal dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck. The unfinished lower-level waits your finishing touch to create more space for your family.

## MAIN STREET REZ $529,000

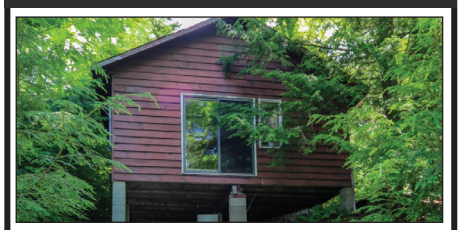


A one-of-a-kind unique investment opportunity currently filling a great need for affordable housing in the community. "Main Street Rez" offers two residential condo units and comes fully rented and provides a substantial income per month for the owner. The 24-hour inhouse maintenance is a bonus, this will keep you stress free from the daily coordination and maintenance of condo ownership.

## GELERT ROAD $499,000

Fantastic 3 bdrm, 2 bath family home located in the heart of Haliburton. Perfect for the outdoor enthusiast. Tranquil wooded backyard backs onto the Haliburton Rail Trail. Enjoy walking, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling for year-round enjoyment – head out your back door, just hop on and go! Convenient low-maintenance home. Kitchen features a generous sized island, inside entry to the attached garage, and a walkout to the back deck. Sunroom off the front is a bright and breezy space. Walking distance to schools, shopping, hospital, recreation and Head Lake Park, this is the perfect spot to settle in. This lovely family home is waiting for you.

## TROOPER LAKE $349,000



Escape to your cabin in the woods! Traditional 3-bedroom seasonal cottage nestled amongst the trees overlooking Trooper Lake. The open concept kitchen and living room have tranquil lake views. Cute little bunkie provides extra sleeping space. 100 feet of water frontage with ample privacy, private dock. Natural shoreline with deep water off the dock. Great opportunity to get into the cottage market. This property is being sold "As is where is".

## CONTAU LAKE ROAD $329,000

The perfect starter home or weekend retreat! This beautiful park-like setting offers 1.51 acres and a level, open yard. 1-bdrm & 2 baths. Open concept, pine kitchen and living area creates a welcoming space. The main floor also features a 2-pc powder room while the second floor offers one bedroom, a large sitting area with potential to be converted to a 2nd bdrm and a 4pc bath. Recent upgrades include a new propane furnace, steel roof, and hot water tank. Drilled well and septic. The log building is well built and awaits your finishing touches (flooring needed in living room and bedrooms).

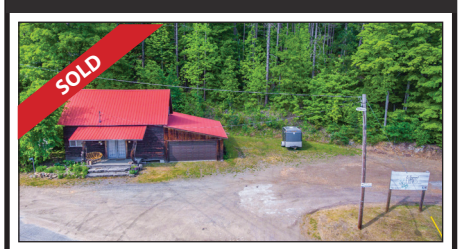
## BUCKSLIDE ROAD $225,000

2 bdrm getaway property close to Carnarvon, Kushog Lake, and snowmobile trail. Level, 1.1-acre lot. Open concept living area. Updates include new drywall ceiling in living room, new fixtures and drywall in bathroom, propane roughed in with outlet left for hot water tank, dryer, deck bbq and in living room for heat source and in kitchen for stove and many more. Put your finishing touches on this to make it your own.

## PROVIDENCE DRIVE $199,000

Perfect getaway spot with deeded access to Maple Lake just a few minutes away! Lovely, flat, just under an acre lot with shed and older 3 bdrm cottage. Windows and vinyl siding on site ready for you to install. You can make this cottage your own, perfect fixer-upper! Just add septic and a well and you're ready to enjoy. Perfect price to start your new cottage experience.

## COMMERCIAL - EAST ROAD $135,000




It's all about the location! This commercial lot is ideally located in the heart of Carnarvon and situated on the corner of Highway 118 and East Road. The property features a charming seasonal building that dates back to the 1800's. There is hydro servicing the building but no water or septic. Tons of storage space in the attached oversized single garage with poured concrete floor. Commercial zoning and great exposure provide endless possibilities for your business.

## VACANT LOTS

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